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SUBJ: ABEL QUESADA FIRED AS CHANNEL 13 DIRECTOR

1. LOPEZ PORTILLO'S ADMINISTRATION SUFFERED ITS FIRST
POLITICAL CASUALTY WHEN GOM-OWNED CHANNEL 13'S NEW DIRECTOR,
CARTOONIST ABEL QUESADA, WAS FORCED TO RESIGN FOR HAVING
PUBLICLY CRITICIZED FORMER PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA. QUESADA,
A TALENTED CARTOONIST FOR THE "OLD EXCELSIOR", HAD BEEN A
SURPRISE JLP APPOINTMENT GRATIFYING TO THOSE WHO HAD
LEFT EXCELSIOR LAST JULY. BUT QUESADA'S REMARKS, GIVEN
UPON HIS SWEARING-IN, WHILE WITTY AND GRACIOUS, WERE ALSO
ACERBICLY CRITICAL OF THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION.

2. THIS APPARENTLY ANGERED PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO, WHO
HAD LET IT BE KNOWN HE WOULD TOLERATE NO PUBLIC CRITICISM
OF THE OUTGOING ADMINISTRATION. CONSISTENT WITH HIS IN-
AUGURAL ADDRESS, THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WAS TO LOOK TO THE
FUTURE, NOT CARP ABOUT THE PAST. QUESADA'S RESIGNATION WILL
PROBABLY DRIVE THE POINT HOME FOR OTHERS.
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